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EVENT: Guilty Plea

Defendant: Dorian Merriewether

FORMER WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY PLEADS GUILTY

A former Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy, Dorian Merriewether, 36 of Farmington Hills, Michigan pleaded guilty today on charges of distribution of cocaine and marijuana, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Andrew G. Arena, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans, whose agency played a central collaborative role in the investigation.

The information presented to the court at the time of the plea established that between December 2004 and February 2005, Merriewether used his position as a Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy to transport and distribute cocaine and marijuana to individuals detained in the Wayne County Jail.

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said, "A deputy Sheriff who is sworn to uphold the law cannot be permitted to violate that law. This office will vigorously investigate and pursue any allegations of public corruption, especially those involving police officers who are sworn to uphold the law."

Merriewether is scheduled to be sentenced on November 15, 2007. Merriewether faces

a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for his crimes.

The case was investigated by special agents of the FBI as well as the internal affairs department of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.